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Claim 1 (currently Amended): A parallel rule, comprising two component rules each providing one of two opposed parallel straight edges, and a linkage allowing, in use, relative movement of the rules in a direction orthogonal to the straight edges but prohibiting relative movement in a direction parallel to the straight edges, wherein at least one component rule has at least one through hole suitable to receive the point of a pencil so as to make a line of latitude or longitude on a chart, in said use.

Claim 2 (original): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, wherein both component rules have through holes in corresponding positions.

Claims 3 – 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, the linkage comprises an intermediate member connected to each component rule by a respective set of three links, two links in each set being pivotally connected to both the intermediate member and the component rule by pivots situated on corners of a variable parallelogram, the other link in each set being pivotally connected to the component rule and both pivotally and slidably connected to the intermediate member for sliding movement together, parallel to the straight edges.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linkage comprises two links each pivotally connected to a respective component rule, each pivotally and slidably connected to the other component rule for sliding movement parallel to its straight edge and pivotally connected together between the component rules.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1 contained by a package, the package being so formed that at least part of the parallel rule is viable therethrough, and so that the component rules may be opened and closed.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 17, wherein the package has an opening through which one of the component rules may be accessed, to open and close the component rules, whilst retaining the parallel rule in the package.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 18, wherein each component rule is provided with a handle, and wherein the package is so formed as to restrain movement of one handle, the other handle projecting through the opening.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A parallel rule as in claim 17, wherein the package is at least partly transparent.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, wherein both component rules are provided on their undersides with a pair of spaced bosses with at least one area of relatively high friction material, the bosses projecting further from the component rules than the high friction areas.

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (new): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 2, wherein said correspondingly positioned through holes are disposed along a line in fixed orthogonal relationship with said straight edges in all positions of said component rules relative to one another.

Claim 24 (new): A parallel rule as claimed in claim 23, wherein both component rules have a plurality of through holes spaced along the lengths thereof in corresponding positions and with pairs of said holes being in fixed orthogonal alignment with said straight edges.

Claim 25 (new): A method of making a line of latitude or longitude on a chart using a parallel rule comprising two component rules each providing one of two opposed parallel straight edges, and a linkage allowing relative movement of the rules in a direction orthogonal to the straight edges but prohibiting relative movement in a direction parallel to the straight edges, wherein a first of said component rules has at least one through hole suitable to receive the point of a pencil so as to make a line on a chart, the method comprising aligning

the straight edge of the second component rule with a first line of longitude or latitude at an edge of a chart, placing a pencil point in the through hole in said first component rule and in contact with said chart, and, while holding said second component rule still, moving the first component rule and the pencil point laterally away from said second component rule for making a second line on said chart orthogonal to said first line.

Claim 26 (new): A method according to claim 25 wherein both said component rules have through holes in corresponding positions along the lengths of the rules and with pairs of correspondingly positioned holes being disposed along a line orthogonal to said straight edges; the method further including aligning the straight edge of said second component rule with said first line at a chart edge with a first hole in said second component rule covering a selected mark on said chart and, upon said movement of said first component rule laterally away from said second component rule, making said second line on said chart along a direction intersecting said selected mark by means of a pencil point placed in that hole in said first component rule paired with said first hole in said second component rule.